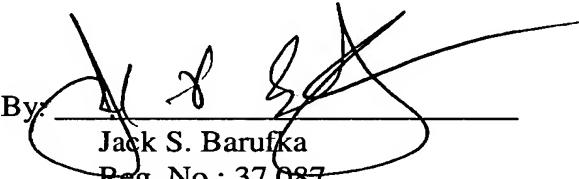


REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The application was amended to include the priority information and to remove multiple claim dependencies. The claims were amended to recite the claimed elements and further clarify the claim language. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited.

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